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STATISTICS OF AGRICULTURE

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Extension Service, Alberta Department of Agriculture

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

WHEAT:

The four major wheat exporting countries estimate that on or about March 1, 1957, they held 2,120.6 million bushels of wheat for export and carryover, about 5 percent less than the 2,220.8 million available a year ago. Supplies by countries, including on-farm stocks, in millions of bushels (with last year's figures in brackets) were: United States, 1,094.8 (1,201.0); Canada, 758.3 (712.7); Argentina, 151.3 (110.7); and Australia, 116.2 (196.4).

Exports of wheat and flour in terms of wheat from these countries for the period August, 1956 to February, 1957, inclusive were: 588.8 million bushels, 4.6 percent above the 403.6 bushels exported in the same period for 1955-1956. Exports by countries in millions of bushels, (with last year's figures in brackets) were: United States, 297.4 (145.2); Canada, 160.0 (137.0); Argentina, 49.5 (72.8); and Australia, 81.9 (48.6).

Stocks of grain held on farms in Alberta at March 31, 1957, in millions of bushels (with 1956 figures in brackets) were estimated as follows: wheat, 120.0 (117.0); oats, 86.0 (57.0); barley, 70.0 (54.0); rye, 3.0 (4.8); flaxseed, 2.6 (0.6).

LIVE STOCK:

Canadian exports of live stock to the United States from January 1 to April 13 (with 1956 figures in brackets) were: slaughter cattle, 300 (421); feeder cattle, 18 (19); dairy cattle, 8,616 (12,120); and sheep, 4,951 (734).

Dressed meat exports to all countries in the same period were: beef, 3,162,000 lb., an increase of 3 percent; pork, 10,830,000 lb., a decrease of 41 percent; and mutton and lamb, 24,743 lb., an increase of 64 percent.

Imports of live stock from the United States to April 13 (1956 figures in brackets) were: cattle, 4,441 (4,824); calves, 180 (118); and sheep, 3,316 (807).

DAIRYING:

In the month of March, 1957, butter fat receipts at Alberta creameries totalled 1,409,000 lb. compared with 1,405,000 lb. for March, 1956, an increase of 0.3 percent.

POULTRY:

The average number of laying hens on farms in Alberta for March, 1957, is estimated at 4,016,000 compared with 3,582,000 for the same month in 1956. Production per hen for the month was 16.4 compared with 14.8 in 1956. Total net production increased from 4,404,000 dozen in March, 1956, to 5,497,000 dozen in March, 1957.

To the end of March, chick hatchings in Alberta was 7.5 percent up from last year; poult hatchings show an increase of 25.6 percent.

FARM DELIVERIES AND INCOME FROM GRAIN IN ALBERTA

BASED ON COUNTRY ELEVATOR RECEIPTS AND PRIVATE ELEVATOR AND PLATFORM LOADINGS

	WHEAT		OATS		BARLEY		RYE		FLAX SEED	
	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957
Deliveries and Loadings:					- thousands of bushels -					
Month of March	8,690	14,389	1,447	2,159	2,262	3,960	402	50	73	509
January - March	23,029	31,511	2,315	4,288	7,450	9,287	980	147	268	1,353
Estimated Returns per Bushel for Grain Delivered in March:					- dollars per bushel -					
	1.09	1.09	0.49	0.51	0.71	0.74	0.97	0.90	3.87	2.51
Estimated Total Cash Returns:					- thousands of dollars -					
Month of March	9,472	15,684	709	1,101	1,606	2,930	390	45	282	1,276
January - March	25,102	34,347	1,134	2,186	5,290	6,872	899	139	1,006	3,613
Canadian Wheat Board Adjustment Payments:										
Month of March	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
January - March	6,346	9,044	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts from Grain:										
Month of March	9,472	15,684	709	1,101	1,606	2,930	390	45	282	1,276
January - March	31,448	43,391	1,134	2,186	5,290	6,872	899	139	1,006	3,613

Total Income from Grain including Wheat Board Adjustment Payments:	1956	1957
Month of March	$ 12,459,000	$ 21,036,000
January - March	$ 39,777,000	$ 56,201,000

On November 9, Hon. C. D. Howe announced average final payments of 11 and 13 cents a bushel on oats and barley respectively delivered to the Canadian Wheat Board in the 1955-1956 pool year.

LIVE STOCK PRICES IN ALBERTA

MARCH AND THREE MONTH PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31, 1957, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1956

	GOOD BUTCHER STEERS		GOOD FEEDER STEERS		GOOD BUTCHER LAMBS		B_1 HOGS dressed (without Bonus)	
	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957
	- dollars per hundred pounds -							
Month of March:								
Calgary	15.74	16.75	14.55	16.97	17.94	18.46	19.21	26.18
Edmonton	15.39	16.55	14.06	16.21	18.82	18.87	19.85	26.84
Lethbridge	15.42	16.91	14.58	16.99	17.80	18.98	19.08	26.04
January - March:								
Calgary	16.30	16.99	14.49	16.25	17.68	18.39	19.15	27.20
Edmonton	15.74	16.82	13.47	15.77	18.19	19.37	19.68	27.88
Lethbridge	16.30	16.84	14.75	16.53	17.42	18.89	18.91	27.08

PRICE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN LIVE STOCK AND GRAIN: BASIS EDMONTON PRICES

Hog - Barley Ratio*

1933-53	1956	Feb.1956	Feb.1957	Mar.1957
21.5	20.9	18.8	26.6	27.1

* Number of bushels of No. 1 feed barley that are equal in value to 100 lb. of Grade B_1 live hogs at Edmonton prices, plus federal government quality premium.

Live Stock Price Relationships*

	1933-53	1956	Feb.1956	Feb.1957	Mar.1957
Good Steers - B_1 Hogs	85.1	96.5	101.5	78.4	80.2
Good Lambs - B_1 Hogs	96.2	105.3	117.4	93.1	91.5
Good Steers - Good Lambs	93.4	92.8	86.5	84.2	87.7

* Prices of 100 lb. good steers (or lambs) expressed as a percentage of the price of 100 lb. B_1 live hogs (federal government premium included) or good lambs.

LIVE STOCK MARKETING IN ALBERTA

MARCH AND THREE MONTH PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31, 1957, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1956

	CATTLE		CALVES		SHEEP AND LAMBS		HOGS	
	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957
Receipts of Public Stockyards & Packing Plants:				- Number of Head -				
Month of March	58,523	63,258	8,997	9,295	21,236	25,868	163,643	135,463
January - March	154,277	160,878	21,986	21,653	58,993	59,211	433,612	378,691
Shipments to Country Points from Yards & Plants:								
Month of March	6,751	9,918	847	1,305	743	333	-	-
January - March	16,609	21,361	1,875	2,955	1,822	669	-	-
Net Marketings at Public Stockyards and Packing Plants:								
Month of March	51,772	53,340	8,150	7,990	20,493	25,535	163,643	135,463
January - March	137,668	139,517	20,111	18,698	57,171	58,542	433,612	378,691
Slaughterings at Uninspected Establishments:								
Month of March	2,221	2,811	772	1,087	115	142	2,351	2,232
January - March	6,537	7,409	2,337	2,757	377	430	8,057	5,977
Total Net Live Stock Marketings:								
Month of March	53,993	56,151	8,922	9,077	20,608	25,677	165,994	137,695
January - March	144,205	146,926	22,448	21,455	57,548	58,972	441,669	384,668
Estimated Value of Live Stock Marketed:				- dollars -				
Month of March	6,916,000	7,715,000	443,000	517,000	361,000	472,000	5,096,000	5,962,000
January - March	17,995,000	19,780,000	1,077,000	1,220,000	962,000	1,096,000	13,307,000	17,026,000

Estimated Total Income from the Sale of Live Stock:

	1956	1957
Month of March	$ 12,816,000	$ 14,666,000
January - March	$ 33,341,000	$ 39,122,000

FARM SALES AND CASH INCOME FROM DAIRY PRODUCTS (FEBRUARY AND JANUARY-FEBRUARY) AND POULTRY PRODUCTS (MARCH AND JANUARY-MARCH) FOR ALBERTA 1956 and 1957

DAIRY PRODUCTS:	FARM SALES				FARM CASH INCOME			
	FEBRUARY		JANUARY-FEBRUARY		FEBRUARY		JANUARY-FEBRUARY	
	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957
	- thousands of pounds -				- thousands of dollars -			
Butterfat for Creamery Butter	1,203	1,130	2,413	2,304	736	693	1,475	1,411
Dairy Butter	3.6	3.5	7.2	7.0	2	2	4	4
Milk for Cheese Making	1,309	1,034	2,552	2,057	30	25	60	50
Milk for Concentration, Ice Cream and for Fluid Cream Sales*	9,688	9,846	19,353	19,965	268	219	550	451
Milk for Fluid Sales	18,745	19,420	37,921	39,977	846	878	1,713	1,809
TOTAL VALUE					$ 1,882	1,817	3,802	3,725

*Ice cream and fluid cream converted to fluid milk basis.

POULTRY PRODUCTS:*	MARCH		JANUARY-MARCH		MARCH		JANUARY-MARCH	
	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957
	- dozen -				- dollars -			
Eggs Received at Registered Grading Stations	1,653,000	2,210,000	4,578,000	5,827,000	526,000	598,000	1,411,000	1,546,000
Poultry Marketed through Registered Stations	260,000	431,000	762,000	1,534,000	69,000	100,000	221,000	365,000
TOTAL VALUE EGGS AND POULTRY					$ 595,000	698,000	1,632,000	1,911,000

* Percent of Marketings Sold Through Registered Stations.

	1953	1954	1955
Eggs	56.1	47.3	44.5
Poultry	35.4	36.0	49.3

SUMMARY OF GENERAL STATISTICS

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MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES ALLIED TO AGRICULTURE

MARCH AND THREE MONTH PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31, 1957, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1956

			1956 (Jan. - Mar.)	1957 (Jan. - Mar.)	3 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1956 (March)	1957 (March)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
					%			%
Flour Mills (7 Firms)	- Gross Sales	$.	4,438,745	3,307,812	- 25.5	1,571,831	1,081,403	- 31.2
	Production	Centals.	1,431,552	1,326,597	- 7.3	493,961	446,911	- 9.5
		Value $.	6,528,058	6,071,758	- 7.0	2,301,576	2,047,296	- 11.0
Creamery Butter (1)	- Production	Lbs.	4,675,904	4,536,107	- 3.0	1,734,052	1,725,478	- .5
		Value $.	2,740,420	2,653,623	- 3.2	1,013,553	1,009,405	- .4
Factory Cheese (1)	- Production	Lbs.	370,661	302,326	- 18.4	138,568	116,155	- 16.2
		Value $.	121,577	106,745	- 12.2	45,450	40,654	- 10.6
Dairy Factories	- Gross Sales	$.	6,772,424	7,129,490	5.3	1,846,840	1,932,981	4.7
Packing Plants	- Gross Sales	$.	31,850,086	34,400,568	8.0	11,281,852	10,957,229	- 2.9
	Production-Meat-Lbs.		101,196,591	99,636,860	- 1.5	38,039,799	29,472,063	- 22.5
		Value $.	22,477,885	25,945,368	15.4	8,565,407	7,993,732	- 6.7
	- Exports	Meat-Lbs.	50,806,274	52,595,845	3.5	19,127,121	16,903,364	- 11.6
		Value $.	11,298,251	13,738,153	21.6	4,307,428	4,584,192	6.4
Margarine Sales		Lbs.	2,319,263	2,292,308	- 1.2	853,566	594,445	- 30.4
		Value $.	648,345	669,243	3.2	234,887	174,312	- 25.8

(1) Source: Dairy Branch, Alberta Department of Agriculture.

MINERALS AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

MARCH AND THREE MONTH PERIOD ENDING M A R C H 31, 1957, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1956

			1 9 5 6 (Jan. - Mar.)	1 9 5 7 (Jan. - Mar.)	3 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1 9 5 6 (March)	1 9 5 7 (March)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
					%			%
Coal (1)	Production	Tons.	1,423,437	999,880	- 29.8	348,103	195,326	- 43.9
		Value $.	7,615,724	5,213,185	- 31.5	1,960,445	939,170	- 52.1
Salt	Production	Tons.	11,815	10,944	- 7.4	3,872	3,319	- 14.3
Petroleum Products Refined	Gross Sales	$.	33,781,392	31,671,589	- 6.2	11,618,082	11,042,626	- 5.0
Propane	Production	Gallons.	8,545,102	9,417,645	10.2	2,865,580	3,206,151	11.9
	Sales	Gallons.	8,259,101	9,084,569	10.0	2,638,933	2,881,933	9.2
Butane	Production	Gallons	5,055,168	6,074,786	20.2	1,750,509	2,060,328	17.7
	Sales	Gallons.	4,161,637	2,677,013	- 35.7	1,401,996	868,504	- 38.1
Sulphur	Production	Tons.	9,982	11,882	19.0	3,520	3,909	11.1
	Sales	Tons.	1,923	5,295	175.4	229	2,156	841.5
Clay Products	Gross Sales	$.	490,957	504,183	2.7	149,130	174,516	17.0
Cement Products	Gross Sales	$.	872,515	752,645	- 13.7	366,040	285,616	- 22.0
Cement	Production	Barrels.	525,655	601,153	14.4	227,580	222,404	- 2.3
		Value $.	1,294,417	1,573,410	21.6	573,068	580,708	1.3
Lime	Gross Sales	$.	165,493	168,486	1.8	59,676	68,059	14.0
	Production	Tons.	7,411	6,302	- 15.0	2,940	2,294	- 22.0
		Value $.	91,029	84,776	- 6.9	36,032	29,749	- 17.4

(1) Source: Mines Division, Department of Mines and Minerals, Alberta.

MINERALS AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

FEBRUARY AND TWO MONTH PERIOD ENDING F E B R U A R Y 28, 1957, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1956

		1 9 5 6 (Jan. - Feb.)	1 9 5 7 (Jan. - Feb.)	2 Months Inc. or (-) Dec. %	1 9 5 6 (February)	1 9 5 7 (February)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec. %
Petroleum - Crude (1)	Production-Barrels.	23,445,820	25,394,009	8.3	11,708,273	11,696,902	- .1
	Value of Sales $.	57,299,278	65,519,930	14.3	28,414,474	30,756,670	8.2
Natural G s (1)	Production - M.C.F.	38,670,461	45,177,877	16.8	18,517,159	20,981,782	13.3
Petroleum - Crude (2)	Imports Barrels.	298,443	265,693	- 11.0	126,064	122,144	- 3.1
	Exports Barrels.	19,836,295	22,803,160	15.0	9,702,371	10,679,837	10.1
Petroleum Products Refined (2)	Production-Barrels.	3,921,518	3,949,271	.7	1,812,060	1,934,855*	6.8
	Imports Barrels	54,070	25,748	- 52.4	26,071	13,132	-49.6
	Exports Barrels.	839,919	925,463	10.2	390,033	487,512	25.0
Natural Gasoline & Naphtha (1)	Production-Barrels.	160,202	181,004	13.0	77,469	83,647	8.0
	Value of Sales $.	466,454	499,252	7.0	224,147	234,191	4.5

(1) Source: Alberta Oil and Gas Industry, March, 1957, Petroleum and Natural Gas Conservation Board.
(2) Source: Fuel Oil Tax Branch, Department of Provincial Scretary, Alberta.

* Composed of 987,895 bbls. gasoline; 529,165 bbls. diesel fuel; -26,046 bbls. kerosene; 443,841 bbls. other fuel and miscellaneous products.

GENERAL STATISTICS - ALBERTA

MARCH AND THREE MONTH PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31, 1957, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1956

		1956 (Jan. - Mar.)	1957 (Jan. - Mar.)	3 Months Inc. or (-) Dec. %	1956 (March)	1957 (March)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec. %
Forestry (Crown Lands) - Production Lumber	Ft.b.m.	282,000,000	272,000,000	- 3.5	93,000,000	95,000,000	2.2
	Value $.	11,280,000	10,880,000	- 3.5	3,720,000	3,800,000	2.2
Total Value of Lumber & Other Forestry Products	$.	14,000,000	13,600,000	- 2.9	4,560,000	4,640,000	1.8
Fur (Wild Life)	No.of Pelts.	553,129	487,818	-11.8	115,057	121,243	5.4
	Value $.	448,041	370,366	-17.3	86,051	91,538	6.4
Life Insurance Sales	$.	54,081,000	72,046,000	33.2	19,473,000	25,700,000	32.0
Customs' Duty Receipts	$.	4,562,400	5,231,862	14.7	1,900,107	1,832,284	- 3.6
		1956 (Jan. - Apr.)	1957 (Jan. - Apr.)	4 Months Inc. or (-) Dec. %	1956 (April)	1957 (April)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec. %
Bank Clearings	$.	2,035,768,127	2,573,758,756	26.4	520,287,249	666,556,085	28.1

FEBRUARY AND TWO MONTH PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1957, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1956

		1956 (Jan. - Feb.)	1957 (Jan. - Feb.)	2 Months Inc. or (-) Dec. %	1956 (February)	1957 (February)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec. %
Bank Debits (1)	Value $.	1,677,271,000	2,242,549,000	33.7	803,905,000	1,035,579,000	28.8
New Motor Vehicles - Gross Sales (2)	No.	3,769	6,419	70.3	2,111	3,050	44.5
	Value $.	11,506,000	19,602,000	70.4	6,631,000	9,223,000	39.1
Electricity - Net Generated (3)	K.W.Hrs.	357,139,000	419,855,000	17.6	170,315,000	198,105,000	16.3

(1) Source: Cheques cashed in Clearing Centres, Vol. 34, No. 2, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(2) Source: New Motor Vehicles Sales and Motor Vehicles Financing, Vol. 29, No. 2, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(3) Source: Electric Power Statistics, Vol. 25, No. 2, 1957, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

CONSTRUCTION - ALBERTA

MARCH AND THREE MONTH PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31, 1957, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1956

BUILDING PERMITS:		1956 (Jan. - Mar.)	1957 (Jan. - Mar.)	3 Months Inc. or (-) Dec. %	1956 (March)	1957 (March)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec. %
CALGARY	Number	940	638	- 32.1	471	337	- 28.5
	Value $.	13,520,869	5,816,660	- 57.0	4,548,513	3,046,514	- 33.0
EDMONTON	Number	762	802	5.2	298	371	24.5
	Value $.	4,919,340	7,434,882	51.1	3,076,557	4,089,849	32.9
LETHBRIDGE	Number	91	126	38.5	48	60	25.0
	Value $.	618,050	766,397	24.0	339,125	329,485	- 2.8
MEDICINE HAT	Number	89	69	- 22.5	60	47	- 21.7
	Value $.	564,540	295,450	- 47.7	425,250	267,150	- 37.2
RED DEER	Number	29	31	6.9	19	14	- 26.3
	Value $.	223,550	171,500	- 23.2	162,750	62,350	- 61.7
DRUMHELLER	Number	6	4	- 33.3	3	2	- 33.3
	Value $.	6,270	2,250	- 64.1	2,270	650	- 71.4
WETASKIWIN	Number	2	6	200.0	-	2	-
	Value $.	300	13,200	4300.0	-	4,100	-
CAMROSE	Number	11	8	- 27.3	8	5	- 37.5
	Value $.	61,850	49,780	- 19.5	44,600	48,960	9.8
TOTAL (8 CITIES) - - - - - - - - - -	NUMBER	1,930	1,684	- 12.7	907	838	- 7.6
	VALUE $.	19,914,769	14,550,119	- 26.9	8,599,065	7,849,058	- 8.7
TOTAL (169 Towns & Villages - - - -	VALUE $.	7,584,515	2,461,018	- 67.6	1,156,190	1,165,490	.8

CONTRACTS AWARDED - ALBERTA:(1)		1956 (Jan. - Mar.)	1957 (Jan. - Mar.)	3 Months Inc. or (-) Dec. %	1956 (March)	1957 (March)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec. %
RESIDENTIAL	Number	808	250	- 69.1	274	184	- 32.8
	Value $.	7,769,600	2,421,900	- 68.8	2,718,000	1,783,400	- 34.4
BUSINESS	Number	110	71	- 35.5	35	36	2.9
	Value $.	12,695,500	7,261,000	- 42.8	4,189,200	3,032,100	- 27.6
INDUSTRIAL	Number	13	13	-	7	5	- 28.6
	Value $.	1,171,000	2,456,000	109.7	551,000	185,000	- 66.4
ENGINEERING	Number	44	23	- 47.7	11	9	- 18.2
	Value $.	6,950,600	5,480,000	- 21.2	3,984,600	2,183,800	- 45.2
TOTAL - - - - - - - - - - - - -	NUMBER	975	357	- 63.4	327	234	- 28.4
	VALUE $.	28,586,700	17,618,900	- 38.4	11,442,800	7,184,300	- 37.2

(1) Source: Building Reporter, April, 1957, Published by Maclean Building Reports Limited.

VISITORS TO NATIONAL PARKS & RESERVES - ALBERTA

APRIL AND FOUR MONTH PERIOD ENDING APRIL 30, 1957, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1956

	1956 (Jan. - Apr.)	1957 (Jan. - Apr.)	4 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1956 (April)	1957 (April)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
			%			%
Banff	87,113	117,359	34.7	22,996	41,054	78.5
Elk Island	3,750	5,100	36.0	1,350	2,400	77.8
Jasper	8,664	23,319	169.1	7,378	9,819	33.1
Waterton Lakes	650	7,334	1028.3	650	7,334	1028.3
TOTAL	100,177	153,112	52.8	32,374	60,607	87.2

(1) AUTOMOBILES ENTERING CUSTOMS' STATIONS FOR TOURING PURPOSES - ALBERTA

MARCH AND THREE MONTH PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31, 1957, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1956

	1956 (Jan. - Mar.)	1957 (Jan. - Mar.)	3 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1956 (March)	1957 (March)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
			%			%
Aden	56	42	- 25.0	19	29	52.6
Carway	846	887	4.8	379	392	3.4
Coutts	7,158	5,101	- 28.7	2,765	2,042	- 26.1
Del Bonita	295	498	68.8	125	207	65.6
Wild Horse	85	106	24.7	37	59	59.5
TOTAL	8,440	6,634	- 21.4	3,325	2,729	- 17.9

(1) Source: Travel between Canada and the United States - Dominion Bureau of Statistics

WHOLESALE TRADE - TRENDS - ALBERTA

MARCH AND THREE MONTH PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31, 1957, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1956

	1956 (Jan. - Mar.)	1957 (Jan. - Mar.)	3 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1956 (March)	1957 (March)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
BY TYPES:			%			%
Automotive Accessories, Equipment & Supplies	23,784,789	31,695,084	33.3	11,034,893	12,667,304	14.8
Boots and Shoes	976,246	981,405	.5	367,838	370,255	.7
Drugs	2,116,097	2,569,053	21.4	738,102	865,033	17.2
Dry Goods	2,579,651	2,728,995	5.8	984,678	1,044,270	6.1
Electrical Appliances and Radios	10,742,411	14,218,379	32.4	3,389,723	3,961,150	16.9
Florists	166,720	166,369	- .2	69,959	52,924	-24.3
Furniture	772,728	944,355	22.2	274,858	317,071	15.4
Groceries (including Fruits & Vegetables)	37,424,327	41,290,081	10.3	12,550,772	13,452,148	7.2
Hardware	13,462,172	14,953,828	11.1	4,542,250	5,292,080	16.5
Jewellery and Silverware	106,335	115,916	9.0	38,700	37,546	- 3.0
Lumber and Building Supplies	11,280,479	10,538,695	- 6.6	4,117,645	3,887,088	- 5.6
Machinery, Agricultural	4,299,699	5,788,318	34.6	1,793,309	2,925,732	63.1
Machinery, Other	4,392,623	5,608,329	27.7	1,574,249	2,040,419	29.6
Paints and Varnishes	1,931,356	1,957,346	1.3	575,963	612,843	6.4
Paper	2,569,653	2,772,886	7.9	890,484	985,453	10.7
Tobacco	4,593,076	4,995,086	8.8	1,567,723	1,718,887	9.6
Oilfield Supplies	7,963,686	6,318,908	-20.7	2,740,226	2,190,657	-20.1
Carbonated Beverages	2,370,776	2,559,663	8.0	909,241	950,377	4.5
Miscellaneous	13,923,477	15,896,325	14.2	5,160,521	5,837,453	13.1
TOTAL	145,456,301	166,099,021	14.2	53,321,134	59,208,690	11.0
BY LOCATIONS:						
Calgary	29,306,399	32,373,840	10.5	10,129,787	11,689,924	15.4
Edmonton	34,941,022	37,600,418	7.6	12,713,719	13,392,212	5.3
Lethbridge	3,165,645	3,671,184	16.0	1,122,231	1,369,116	22.0
Medicine Hat	364,804	398,170	9.1	121,143	122,279	.9
Smaller Centres	2,055,960	2,534,216	23.3	700,425	973,203	38.9
Major Cities - Not distributable by location	75,622,471	89,521,193	18.4	28,533,829	31,661,956	11.0
TOTAL	145,456,301	166,099,021	14.2	53,321,134	59,208,690	11.0

The above figures may be considered as more indicative of trends of business in the various lines and for the various locations than of actual volume of business.

RETAIL TRADE - ALBERTA

FEBRUARY AND TWO MONTH PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1957, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1956.

	1956 (Jan. - Feb.)	1957 (Jan. - Feb.)	2 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1956 (February)	1957 (February)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
	$	$	%	$	$	%
TOTAL - RETAIL TRADE	140,643,000	163,328,000	16.1	71,734,000	81,961,000	14.3
Grocery and Combination Stores	22,499,000	24,974,000	11.0	11,270,000	12,221,000	8.4
Other Food and Beverage Stores	8,398,000	9,571,000	14.0	4,235,000	4,894,000	15.6
General Stores	7,758,000	8,294,000	6.9	3,910,000	4,258,000	8.9
Department Stores	15,601,000	16,772,000	7.5	7,519,000	7,857,000	4.5
Variety Stores	1,609,000	1,698,000	5.5	836,000	877,000	4.9
Motor Vehicle Dealers	29,877,000	42,515,000	42.3	16,836,000	22,796,000	35.4
Garage and Filling Stations	8,332,000	9,116,000	9.4	4,137,000	4,504,000	8.9
Men's Clothing Stores	2,548,000	2,901,000	13.9	996,000	1,133,000	13.8
Family Clothing Stores	1,396,000	1,510,000	8.2	624,000	713,000	14.3
Women's Clothing Stores	2,384,000	2,574,000	8.0	1,128,000	1,092,000	- 3.2
Shoe Stores	713,000	784,000	10.0	324,000	362,000	11.7
Hardware Stores	3,153,000	3,407,000	8.1	1,647,000	1,660,000	.8
Lumber and Building Material Dealers	5,924,000	5,554,000	- 6.2	3,052,000	2,661,000	- 12.8
Furniture, Appliances, Radio Stores	6,940,000	7,266,000	4.7	3,442,000	3,860,000	12.1
Restaurants	5,258,000	5,543,000	5.4	2,608,000	2,727,000	4.6
Fuel Dealers	168,000	203,000	20.8	77,000	78,000	1.3
Drug Stores	3,467,000	3,800,000	9.6	1,759,000	1,908,000	8.5
Jewellery Stores	752,000	744,000	- 1.1	376,000	353,000	- 6.1
Miscellaneous	13,866,000	16,102,000	16.1	6,958,000	8,007,000	15.1

Source: Retail Trade, Vol. 29, No. 2, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

LABOUR REVIEW

Alberta Summary for Period Enging 31 March, 1957

(Source: Labour Gazette, Volume 57, No. 4, April, 1957)

The employment situation in the Prairie region showed little overall change during March as seasonal increases in activity in agriculture and construction were offset by employment contractions in other industries. Employment continued at a slightly higher level than a year earlier, manufacturing and the trade and service industries showing the principal gains. Activities associated with road transportation were curtailed during the month as traffic restrictions were imposed on rural roads because of the spring breakup; trucking, sawmilling, oil drilling, prospecting and exploration shared in the decline.

CALGARY (metropolitan). Remained in Labour Surplus Group. Seasonal employment expansion in construction and agriculture caused a slight reduction in unemployment. Aside from small layoffs in packing plants, manufacturing employment changed little during the month. On the whole, employment was considerably higher than last year, important gains being recorded in all major industry groups. At the end of the month, labour supplies generally were plentiful but there were indications that shortages were developing in a considerable number of occupations.

EDMONTON (metropolitan). Remained in Labour Surplus Group. The employment situation changed very little during March. Pulpcutting and hauling continued brisk in the Hinton area, where more than 1,200 workers were engaged in cutting operations for the new mill and more than 100 trucks were hauling pulpwood. All major industries in the Edmonton area recorded year to year increases in employment. Total industrial employment was about 10 per cent higher than a year before.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLLS

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics collects monthly data from firms, usually having 15 or more employees. Data are requested for all classes of employees, irrespective of their functions in the business; statistics for the owners are not included. Employees engaged in agriculture, government, and educational services are excluded. Wages represent gross earnings before deductions for unemployment insurance, taxes, pension funds, etc., are made. They also include the cost-of-living bonus, and any other bonuses made at frequent intervals. They exclude value of board and lodging, employers contributions to unemployment insurance, workmen's compensation and pension and welfare funds as well as bonuses paid at irregular or infrequent intervals such as annual bonuses and retirement gratuities. The following tables compare the employment and wage situation at the 1st February, 1957, with that existing one year earlier in the main non-agricultural industries of the province of Alberta. Figures for the cities of Calgary and Edmonton are shown as well.

EMPLOYMENT AND AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES AND SALARIES, ALBERTA,* BY INDUSTRIES

At F E B R U A R Y 1, 1957, As Compared with Corresponding Date in 1956

	Index Numbers (1949 = 100) Employment		Average Weekly Wages and Salaries		Employees Reported
	Feb. 1 1956	Feb. 1 1957	Feb. 1 1956	Feb. 1 1957	Feb. 1 1957
			$	$	
Mining	128.4	143.5	87.23	93.26	21,910
Coal	48.2	40.3	71.75	71.33	3,247
Oil	236.3	289.3	91.24	97.04	17,087
Manufacturing	136.7	149.4	64.10	68.72	30,186
Foods and Beverages	111.4	113.8	62.37	66.51	8,332
Meat Products	128.7	131.0	68.50	72.62	4,140
Wood Products	114.3	131.4	49.85	52.95	3,518
Printing, Publishing and Allied Industries	116.6	122.7	61.87	64.19	1,390
Iron and Steel Products	159.6	197.9	70.42	74.98	3,546
Transportation Equipment	154.2	167.9	64.05	68.95	4,992
Non-Metallic Mineral Products (j)	133.1	136.8	60.65	67.37	2,142
Construction	155.3	161.4	69.81	77.65	18,031
Buildings and Structures (k)	183.2	193.1	73.97	84.47	11,896
Highways, Bridges and Streets	120.5	122.4	61.91	64.42	6,135
Transportation, Storage, Communication	110.1	116.3	66.02	68.44	24,248
Steam Railways	91.7	96.1	68.62	70.38	12,847
Electric and Motor Transportation (p)	146.4	163.8	71.03	73.23	4,189
Storage	109.6	111.2	55.48	57.77	2,615
Trade	138.6	149.7	54.70	57.22	29,935
Wholesale	137.2	150.6	61.14	64.73	10,391
Retail	139.3	149.2	51.43	53.22	19,544
Service	130.5	149.0	41.65	43.49	8,720
Hotels and Restaurants	120.2	140.3	40.47	41.31	5,630
Industrial Composite	132.2	144.7	64.92	68.73	146,345

* Including Northwest Territories.

(j) Abrasive, asbestos, hydraulic cement, clay, glass, lime and gypsum, stone, concrete and miscellaneous non-metallic products.

(k) Buildings and structures, other construction, and special trade contractors.

(p) Interurban bus and coach and urban and suburban transportation systems; taxi-cab and truck transportation; service incidental to transportation, and other transportation.

Source: Employment and Payrolls, February, 1957
Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES (Continued)

Employment, and Average Weekly Wages and Salaries, CALGARY and EDMONTON, By Industries
At F E B R U A R Y 1, 1957, As Compared with Corresponding Date in 1956

	Index Numbers (1949 = 100) Employment		Average Weekly Wages and Salaries		Employees Reported
	Feb. 1 1956	Feb. 1 1957	Feb. 1 1956 $	Feb. 1 1957 $	Feb. 1 1957
CALGARY:					
Manufacturing	127.6	134.6	65.06	68.77	9,964
Foods and Beverages	115.7	125.6	65.36	67.20	3,128
Transportation Equipment	144.2	146.5	62.55	67.06	2,680
Construction	166.4	193.0	65.84	67.89	3,798
Wholesale Trade	128.5	132.4	61.15	64.84	4,143
Retail Trade	138.0	153.7	53.18	54.69	7,753
Industrial Composite	139.6	152.1	61.21	63.58	36,901
EDMONTON:					
Manufacturing	156.1	173.2	65.30	70.51	13,106
Foods and Beverages	126.5	125.5	63.13	68.81	3,820
Meat Products	131.6	130.4	66.57	71.92	2,648
Construction	167.4	183.6	68.24	80.63	7,293
Wholesale Trade	160.7	178.5	61.15	64.69	4,556
Retail Trade	144.8	153.6	50.65	52.87	8,749
Industrial Composite	155.5	170.0	60.00	65.17	43,377

Source: Employment and Payrolls, February, 1957
Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS OF HOURLY-RATED WAGE-EARNERS IN SPECIFIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

At F E B R U A R Y 1, 1957, As Compared with Corresponding Date in 1956

	Average Hours		Average Hourly Earnings		Average Weekly Wages		Wage Earners Reported
	Feb. 1 1956	Feb. 1 1957	Feb. 1 1956 ¢	Feb. 1 1957 ¢	Feb. 1 1956 $	Feb. 1 1957 $	Feb. 1 1957
Coal Mining	38.9	35.0	185.2	199.2	72.04	69.72	2,667
Oil and Natural Gas Production	47.1	45.7	183.6	204.7	86.48	93.55	6,107
Manufacturing	40.1	40.2	153.5	163.6	61.55	65.77	20,549
Foods and Beverages	38.6	38.7	151.7	160.4	58.56	62.07	5,571
Meat Products	39.0	38.9	165.0	174.5	64.35	67.88	3,016
Transportation Equipment	40.8	40.8	153.6	168.0	62.67	68.54	3,955
Buildings and Structures (h)	40.0	41.5	181.1	200.5	72.44	83.21	9,424
Electric and Motor Transportation (i)	41.9	41.0	155.1	161.5	64.99	66.22	2,121
Services (j)	40.0	38.4	93.6	97.9	37.44	37.59	4,136

SOURCE: Man Hours and Hourly Earnings, February, 1957
Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

(h) Buildings and structures; other construction; special trade contractors.
(i) Interurban bus and coach and urban and suburban transportation systems; taxi-cab and truck transportation; service incidental to transportation; other transportation.
(j) Hotels and restaurants; launderies; dyeing; cleaning and pressing business and recreational services.